



CALA Testimony on Raised Bill 5113 – An Act Concerning Billing for Services Covered by Long-Term Care Insurance by Managed Residential Communities

The following shall constitute written testimony regarding Raised Bill 5113 An Act Concerning Billing for Services Covered by Long-Term Care Insurance by Managed Residential Communities from the Connecticut Assisted Living Association (CALA).

CALA is a statewide organization that represents the owners and operators of some 115 managed residential communities offering Assisted Living services to Connecticut's older adults and senior citizens.

CALA endorses the concepts proposed in Raised Bill 5113 for the supports and protections this measure will provide to older adults, their families, and CALA members.

As you may know, Assisted Living is a unique combination of housing and supportive services provided in a residential setting defined in state statute as a Managed Residential Community (MRC). The care and services provided to Assisted Living residents is done so by a state health department licensed Assisted Living Service Agency (ALSA).

CALA also wishes to voice its support for Raised Bill 5111-An Act Concerning the Alzheimer's Respite Care Program and Raised Bill 5112-An Act Reducing the Individual Contribution under the State-Funded Home-Care Program for the Elderly.

While CALA fully acknowledges the fiscal challenges faced by Connecticut in 2010, CALA also believes and echoes the sentiments embodied in each of these legislative proposals that reasonable measures should be appropriately maintained to provide supports to the state's frail elderly, and to the caretakers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease.

CALA remains available to serve as a resource to committee members as these proposal evolve.

Thank you for your consideration.